CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 4158.mpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1200900.002

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: The District Court at Wellington

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 01 November 2012

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	4158.mpg	0:19
Total running time:		0:19

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer moving image file explicitly shows sexual activity involving a young woman and an animal. It presents sexual conduct with an animal as a desirable and legitimate form of sexual expression and encourages experimentation by breaking down the taboos that surround it. As such, it promotes and supports bestiality, which means that it falls under and meets the criteria of s3(2)(e) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 and is deemed to be objectionable.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of "a free and democratic society" to limit the availability of publications that promote and support bestiality.